

STILLWATER COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

Notice: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes are on file with the Clerk and Recorder (MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b)).

REGULAR MEETING MAY 9, 2017

Present: Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey; Mark Crago, Members; and Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Travis Eickman, Morrison-Maierle; Jeremiah Mcbee, CMG; Doug Welsh, Century Companies; Jerry Friend, Treasurer; Katie Barry, Morrison-Maierle; Brian Nickel, Knife River; Gregg Morgan, Knife River; Carol Arkell, DES; Nancy Rohde, County Attorney; Coralee Hicks, Clifford Brophy, Sheriff; David Blair, Hardrives Construction; Marlo Pronovost and Mikaela Koski, Stillwater County News.

Open Meeting: Commissioner Shupak opened the meeting at 9:00 am with the pledge to the flag.

Minutes: Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the minutes of April 6, 2017. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Bid Opening: The Airport Improvements Columbus Airport - Woltermann Memorial bids were opened and read aloud by Travis Eickman:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total Schedule 1, Additive Alternative 1 & 2</u>
Knife River, Billings, MT	\$1,918,775.05
Hardrives, Billings, MT	\$2,392,988.89
CMG, Billings, MT	\$1,992,408.00
Century Companies, Lewistown, MT	\$2,200,140.00

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to take all bids under advisement. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Issues:

1. Stillwater River Road Rockslide - Commissioner Crago stated the county is in the final stages of the grant approval and in the last part of the environmental group attached to the FEMA. He said “we are progressing positively and we are very near an answer on the environmental stage of it”.

2. Old Hospital - Commissioner Davey stated on May 8, 2017, Northern Industrial Hygiene went through the old building and performed the tasks listed in their contract.

Davey stated in the May 4, 2017 edition of the Stillwater County News, stated “Bokma said that the demolition work began about 2-years ago and the drywall has been disposed of at the Columbus City dump”. She said the meeting was recorded and the drywall was not disposed of at the city but rather through McKenzie Services.

Davey said in that same paper there is a statement that the “Weston report dealt with possible issues related to mold in the new extension office. That office is located in the basement of the west annex”. Commissioner Davey said she searched the Weston report and extension is not mentioned in the report. She said she does not see these two things reported accurately. She went on to say it will take maybe a week for the results and they are going to test for mold also, because that was not included in the Weston Report.

Sheriff Brophy said he was curious why four years after working towards moving people over there, moving people into what he considers the old hospital, why your just now testing for mold and asbestos. Commissioner Davey said “it has been done in the past (testing for mold) and until we move forward, we heard, unless you disturb it, then we wouldn’t do any further testing on it”. Sheriff Brophy asked about destruction, if that was considered disturbing. Commissioner Davey said she isn’t an expert but said we did not realize there were things in the walls because the previous report did not identify walls. Commissioner Crago addressed the Sheriff saying the 2005 report specified the western wing of the old hospital, it did not review the eastern portion of the building. Commissioner Davey said safety is always paramount.

- Consent Agenda:**
1. DES - Smith’s Landowner Lease agreement for repeater site
 2. Road & Bridge - Purchase Request - Equipment Trailer from Titan Machinery

- File items:**
1. Department Reports - fees collected for month ending April, 2017
 - a. Clerk & Recorder - \$ 5,762.00
 - b. Justice Court - \$10,027.25
 - c. Sheriff - \$ 500.00
 2. MT Dept of Revenue - Oil and Natural Gas Production Tax - 4th Qtr. \$1,350.55

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda and place the file items to file. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

- Regular Business:**
1. Commissioners - Attorney-Client fee agreement for professional services. Commissioner Davey explained the agreement is to obtain an Attorney General Opinion. Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to postpone this decision until further clarification. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Library Board Appointment - Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to appoint Cory Hamilton to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term with a remaining 2 years. Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Commissioner Crago said Ms. Hamilton has continually applied for a position on the library board with tremendous amount of interest and would be a positive addition to the board. Commissioner Davey would like to thank the applicants stating it is good to have this much interest in the Library. Commissioner Davey stated another position will be opening up by the end of June for a 5-year term. **Motion FAILED**.

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to appoint Katherine Jess to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term with a remaining 2-years. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: none heard

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Shupak adjourned the meeting at 9:26 AM.

CANVASS OF VOTES MAY 9, 2017 - 1:30 PM

Present: Commissioners Dennis Shupak, Chair; Maureen Davey; Mark Crago, Members; Heidi Stadel, Election Administrator; and Lori Dobitz, Administrative Assistant.

Election Canvass: Heidi Stadel met with the Commissioners as the Canvass Board to review and canvass the elections of the Absarokee Fire District and the creation of the Stillwater Ambulance District.

Absarokee Fire District:

Stadel said the May 2, 2017, district trustee election encompassed Absarokee, Fishtail, and Nye. The election was for two positions with three candidates running for positions. Brian Young and Randall Gray received the most votes. The declared winners will serve a three-year terms expiring in 2020. Total registered voters in the Absarokee Rural Fire District 1,510 with 637 ballots voted and return for a 42.1% turn-out.

Commissioner Davey **MOVED** to accept the Canvass for the Absarokee Rural Fire District Trustee Election. Commissioner Crago **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Stillwater Ambulance District No. 1

Stadel said the May 2, 2017 election to organize the district encompassed Columbus, Rapelje, and Reed Point. She said the day following the election approximately forty ballots were received but she was unable to accept them due to them being past the date of acceptance. She also has 6 ballots she rejected due to signatures not matching. The election had two separate questions, one for the creation of the district, and the other to fund the district. Both measures passed. Total ballots issued were 2,778 with 1,543 ballots

voted and returned for a 55.3% voter turn-out.

Commissioner Crago **MOVED** to accept the Canvass for the Stillwater Ambulance District No.1 Commissioner Davey **SECONDED**. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Shupak adjourned the meeting at 1:57 PM.

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